(d) The reason for shortfall is the higher targets projected during the Tenth Plan. The Government have taken following initiatives to systemize the production of Textile sector:

(i) Rationalisation of fiscal duty structure to attract investment and modernisation;

(ii) Launching of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector;

(iii) For accelerating modernization of the powerlooms segment of the textile industry, 20% Capital assistance is available on investment upto Rs. 100 lakh in specified machinery subject to a ceiling of Rs. 20 lakh on amount of assistance;

(iv) Announcement of a package for restructuring of debt portfolios of potentially viable textile units having debt exposure of Rs. 2 crore and above;

(v) De-reservation of the woven segment of readymade garments from the SSI sector. In the Union Budget 2005-06, an announcement has been made for de-resevation of 30 hosiery items from the ambit of SSI;

(vi) Launching of "Apparel Park for Export Scheme" for imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give fillip to exports;

(vii) Launching of "Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme" (TCIDS) for upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centres;

(viiii) Launching of "Cotton Technology Mission" to improve the productivity and quality of cotton;

Powerloom parks

2468. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many Powerloom Parks have been set up so far;

(b) whether Government aims to set-up more powerloom parksin next three years;

(c) what facilities the powerloom sector workers will get at these powerloom parks;

(d) the number/percentage of units who have benefited by TUFS (Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme); and

(e) the report of performance of Textile Centre Infrastrucutre Development Scheme (TCIDS)?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Government has recently given in principle, approval for setting up of five Hi-Tech Weaving Parks.

(b) Yes Sir. The Government is encouraging establishment of Hi-Tech Weaving Parks involving modernized powerlooms through assistance under the schemes like - (i) the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS); (ii) the Group Workshed Scheme (GWS); (iii) the Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS).

(c) With the setting up of the Hi-Tech Weaving Parks with modem weaving and preparatory machines, the powerloom workers will get better job opportunities and better working environment.

(d) As on 31.12.2004 progress of TUFS in powerloom sector *vis-a-vis* all industry are as under:

Segment	Applications sanctioned (No.)	Applications disbursed (No.)	Applications disbursed (Amount)
(i) Powerloom sector	389	311	94.15
ii. All Industry including powerloom sector	3513	2953	6518.62
iii. Powerloom sector over all industry (%)	11.07	10.53	1.44

(e) The Government of India launched the Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) in March 2002 for modernizing infrastructure facilities at major textile centres of the country. In December 2002, certain modifications in the scope and funding pattern of TCIDS were announced with a view to expediting the implementation of the scheme. So far, a total of 18 project proposals under TCIDS have been sanctioned to be set up in the different locations of the country for which a total of Rs. 20.26 crore has been released by the Government.